



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON INSURANCE
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
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Wednesday, November 25, 2015

10:30 AM

Present: Chair Scott Svonkin, Vice Chair Eric Bauman, Commissioner Steve Aspel, Commissioner Bob Blake, Commissioner Luther Nash and Commissioner Steve Vicencia

Absent: Commissioner Daniel Falcon, Commissioner Wilbert Smith and Commissioner Patricia Torres

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order. (15-5361)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Svonkin at 10:28 a.m.

2. Approval of the August 26, 2015 special meeting minutes. (15-5362)

On motion of Commissioner Vicencia, seconded by Commissioner Blake, this item was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Chair Scott Svonkin, Vice Chair Eric Bauman, Commissioner Bob Blake, Commissioner Luther Nash and Commissioner Steve Vicencia

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Steve Aspel

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Daniel Falcon, Commissioner Wilbert Smith and Commissioner Patricia Torres

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

3. Chairman's Report. (15-5363)

This item was discussed with items No. 4 and No. 5.

Chairman Svonkin introduced and welcomed new Commissioner Steve Aspel. Commissioner Aspel indicated that he will be representing the Fourth District, he is the Mayor of Redondo Beach, and is a licensed retired insurance agent.

Chairman Svonkin provided a brief overview of the Commission's purpose, advocacy and responsibilities. Chairman Svonkin also announced that Barry Binder has resigned from the Commission. The Commissioners introduced themselves and discussions ensued sharing their knowledge and experiences in the Insurance industry.

Vice Chair Bauman reported that the Sub-Committee agreed to postpone Fire Awareness to Spring. The commission agreed to postpone the Fire Awareness Campaign to March or April 2016. Also, due to weather conditions, Chairman Svonkin suggested moving the commission's focus from "fire" to "Flood Insurance Awareness".

Discussions ensued among the Commissioners regarding flood insurance coverage, the types of damages caused by water floods and mud slides, the different forms of rising water and its entry onto properties, cleaning flood drains especially in the areas of great risk that are considered flood zones, and their own experiences with floods and mud slides. The Commission expressed much concern due to the seriousness of the potential damages and agreed to form a Sub-Committee.

Chairman Svonkin suggested a Sub-Committee and requested volunteers to explore and create an approach regarding these serious issues; Vice Chair Bauman, Commissioner Blake, Commissioner Aspel, and Commissioner Vicencia volunteered to be part of the Sub-Committee.

Commission Services Staff will provide the Sub-Committee with the Board motion related to "El Niño", a map which identifies high risk flood zones in L.A. County, and send an email to the members with the details regarding their teleconference scheduled for December 14, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

On motion of Vice Chair Bauman, seconded by Commissioner Nash, unanimously carried, by the following vote, the Commission agreed to form the Flood Insurance Awareness Sub-Committee comprised of Vice Chair Bauman, Commissioner Blake, Commissioner Aspel and Commissioner Vicencia, and explore the following flood related issues:

- **Flood and mud slide insurance coverage's;**
- **Identify the high risk areas for flood and mud slides in the County;**
- **How to educate the constituents of L.A. County regarding these issues;**
- **The importance of purchasing adequate coverage; and**
- **Provide an update report at the next commission meeting scheduled for January 6, 2016.**

Ayes: 6 - Chair Scott Svonkin, Vice Chair Eric Bauman, Commissioner Steve Aspel, Commissioner Bob Blake, Commissioner Luther Nash and Commissioner Steve Vicencia

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Daniel Falcon, Commissioner Wilbert Smith and Commissioner Patricia Torres

II. DISCUSSIONS

4. Sub-Committee Reports. (15-5267)

This agenda item was discussed together with Agenda Item No. 3.

5. Update and take appropriate action regarding the Fire Insurance Awareness Campaign. (15-5364)

This agenda item was discussed together with Agenda Item No. 3.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

6. Matters not posted on agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-5365)

The commission requested an updated agenda mailing list for their review.

7. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-5366)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

8. Adjournment. (15-5367)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

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